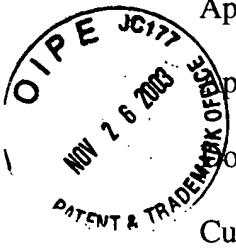


**PATENT APPLICATION
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



Applicants : François GIRARD et al.)
Appln. No. : 09/994,783) Group Art Unit 3728
Socket No. : P21643) Examiner Anthony Stashick
Customer No. : 7055) Confirmation No. 8368
Filed : November 28, 2001)
Title : SOLE FOR A BOOT, IN PARTICULAR)
A SPORTS BOOT, A METHOD OF)
MANUFACTURING SAME, AND)
A BOOT HAVING SUCH SOLE)

**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR §1.111
TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 28, 2003**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the first Office action, dated August 28, 2003, and following the decision on petition, dated November 14, 2003, please enter the following amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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